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1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows (such changes do not alter the claim scope, but are merely grammatical in nature):

(I) With regard to claim 1 (line 5), after the word "wherein" the following has been inserted --the--.

(II) With regard to claim 9 <sup>(line 4)</sup> ~~(line 5)~~, after the word "wherein" the following has been inserted --the--.

**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William J. Klimowicz whose telephone number is (571) 272-7577. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:30AM-6:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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